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### Latest

#### FTA Issues Guidance to Public Transportation Agencies on Implementing Americans with Disabilities Act

October 13, 2015

The Federal Transit Administration has published detailed guidance to transit agencies on

### Ensuring civil rights protections for persons with disabilities

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Welcome to the website for the State of Georgia ADA Coordinator's Office. The Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, provides comprehensive civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, state and local government services and telecommunications. Please visit [www.howmyservice.gsfic.ga.gov](http://www.howmyservice.gsfic.ga.gov) and tell us how we're doing.

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# State ADA Coordinator's Office – Who we are

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Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

# State ADA Coordinator's Office – Who we are

- Serves as a technical resource for Georgia's ADA Title II obligations
- Manages the Statewide ADA **Facility Improvements** Program
- Assists state agencies in updating and strengthening compliance with the ADA mandates of **self-evaluation** and **transition planning**.
- Conducts general and customized **training** on the ADA including:
  - Agency Specific
  - Code Enforcement Focused
  - Design / Construction / Management Focused

# Access to Facilities is Civil Rights Law

ADA's Title II “**program access**” requirements for state government agencies includes:

- New Construction (*including site and building access*)
- Alterations (*including primary function path obligations*)
- Existing Buildings (*even without planned changes*)

# ADA - What does it mean for Design and Construction

2010 **ADA Standards** for Accessible Design, *including*:

- Requirements in 28 C.F.R. 35.151 *and* 2004 ADAAG.
- U.S. Department of Justice is lead federal agency for enforcement of ADA.

# Georgia's Accessibility Law

- Georgia law mandates that, “All government buildings, ...and facilities receiving permits for construction ...after July 1, 1995, shall comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Commissioner which meet ADAAG and establish the minimum state standards for accessibility.” O.C.G.A. § 30-3-3-SFM 120-3-20.
- These rules and regulations, commonly referred to as the Georgia Accessibility Code, were **revised** on March 15, 2012 **to harmonize** with the 2010 ADA Standards.
- State Fire Marshals, local code officials and Board of Regents are each authorized to enforce compliance.



# Touch Points for Accessibility



# Touch Points for Accessibility

Procure

Analyze

Design

Document

Review  
Design

Construct

Complete

Occupy

# Touch Points for Accessibility





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## *Procure*

- Engaging GSFIC Procurement Team to clarify appropriate accessibility obligations in design services on new construction and alteration projects.
- ...and as appropriate we engage in selection process for design.

# Touch Points for Accessibility



## *Analyze*

- Engaging in GSFIC Design Review Kick-Off Meetings to clarify specific accessibility obligations in new construction and alteration projects.
- Available to answer specific questions as early as possible to affect appropriate design change and lessen future change cost impact.



# Touch Points for Accessibility



## ***Design***

- A Design Professional's goal to provide reasonable care in their tasks obligates them to thoroughly evaluate and document designs with accessibility in mind.
- *We are here to help you serve the State of Georgia and reduce risk.*

# Georgia's Goal for Accessibility

## Minimum Design Requirements

- US Department of Justice - 2010 [ADA Standards](#) for Accessible Design
- Georgia State [Fire Marshal](#) Regulation [§120-3-20](#) dated 1-1-2015
- Georgia Code [§40-6-221](#) - Signage - Parking for Persons with Disabilities

## Universal Design would be an ultimate design goal

- Universal Design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

## Legal Responsibility of the State is non-discrimination

Georgia's primary obligation is to provide "program access" - (Title II of ADA)

Recommend to "not design to the accessible limit" reducing risk

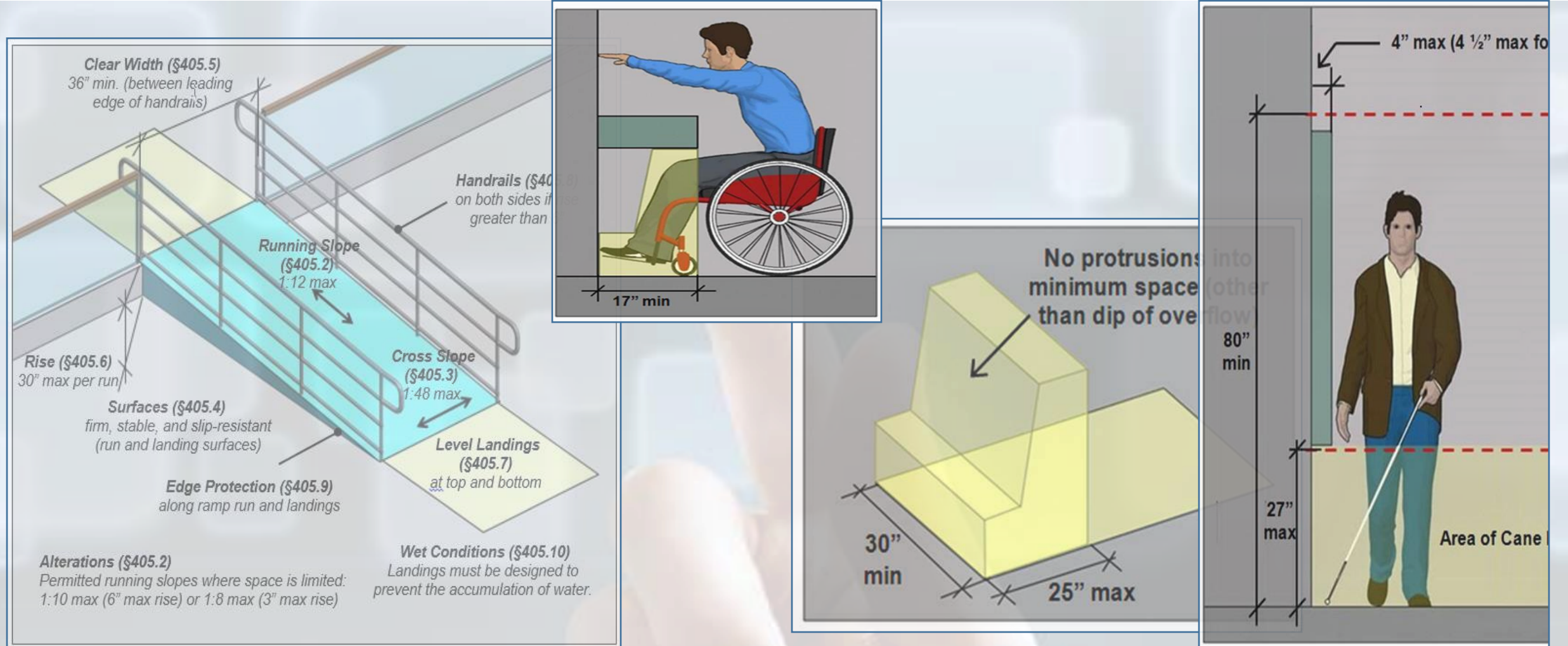
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## ***Document***

- Recommendation to not document to the limits of the regulations
  - Ramp Slope, Toilet Centerline, Transfer Shower Absolute Dimensions, Reach Ranges
- Common Design Errors:
  - Georgia Accessible Parking Sign, Protruding Objects in Circulation, Toilet Compartments

# Beware of the Limits of Accessibility in Construction



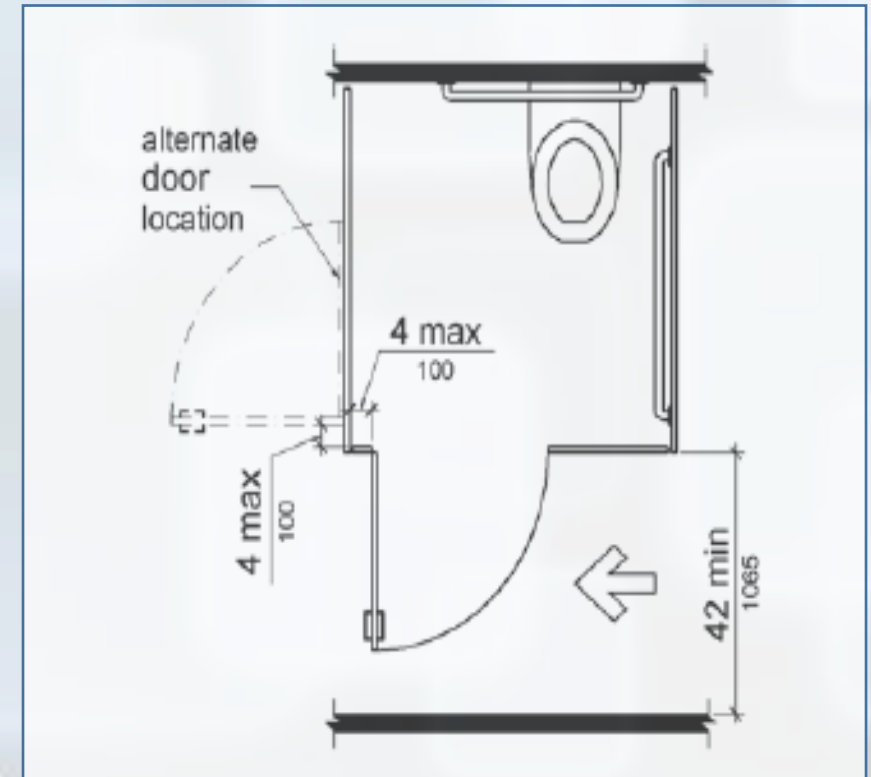
# Common Errors of Accessibility in Georgia



O.C.G.A. 40-6-221

...a **blue metal reflective sign** which is at least **12 inches in width and 18 inches in length** and is erected at a height of **seven feet** from the bottom of the sign to its ground surface and in such manner that it will not be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space and bearing the following words: "**Permit Parking Only**," "**Tow-Away Zone**," and the **international symbol for accessibility**.

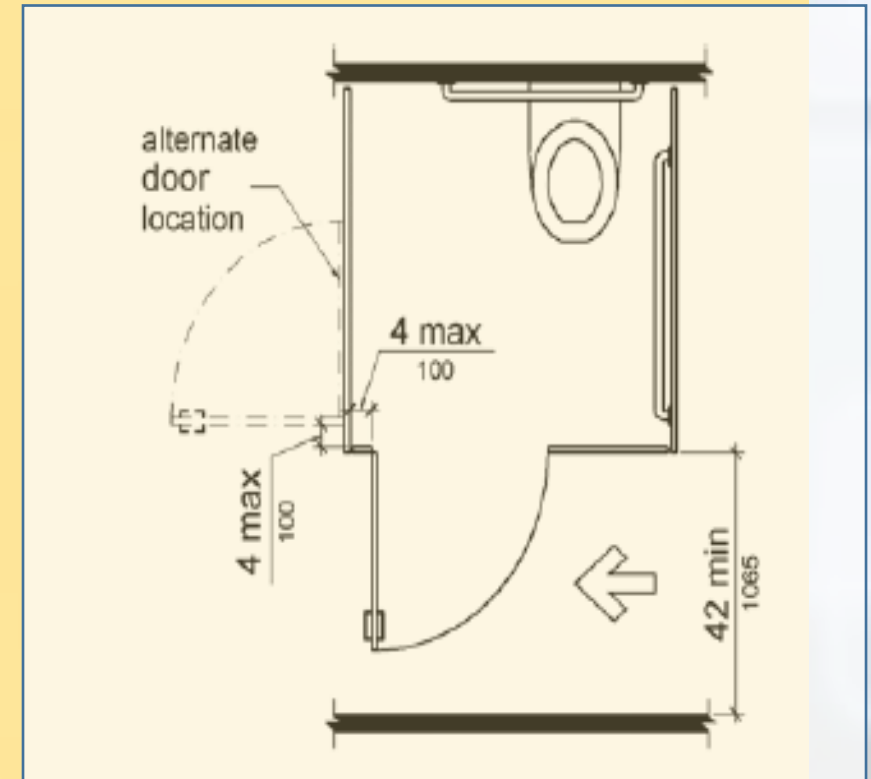
The warnings required in this subparagraph shall be centered on the sign, **printed in white**, and shall occupy not less than **75 percent of the surface area of the sign**.





# Common Errors of Accessibility in Georgia

**604.8.1.2 Doors.** Toilet compartment doors, including door hardware, shall comply with 404 except that if the **approach is to the latch side** of the compartment door, clearance between the door side of the compartment and any obstruction shall be **42 inches (1065 mm)** minimum. Doors shall be located in the front partition or in the side wall or partition **farthest from the water closet**. Where located in the front partition, the door opening shall be **4 inches (100 mm)** maximum from the side wall or partition farthest from the water closet. Where located in the side wall or partition, the door opening shall be 4 inches (100 mm) maximum from the front partition. The door shall be **self-closing**. A **door pull** complying with 404.2.7 shall be placed **on both sides** of the door near the latch. Toilet compartment doors shall not swing into the minimum required compartment area.

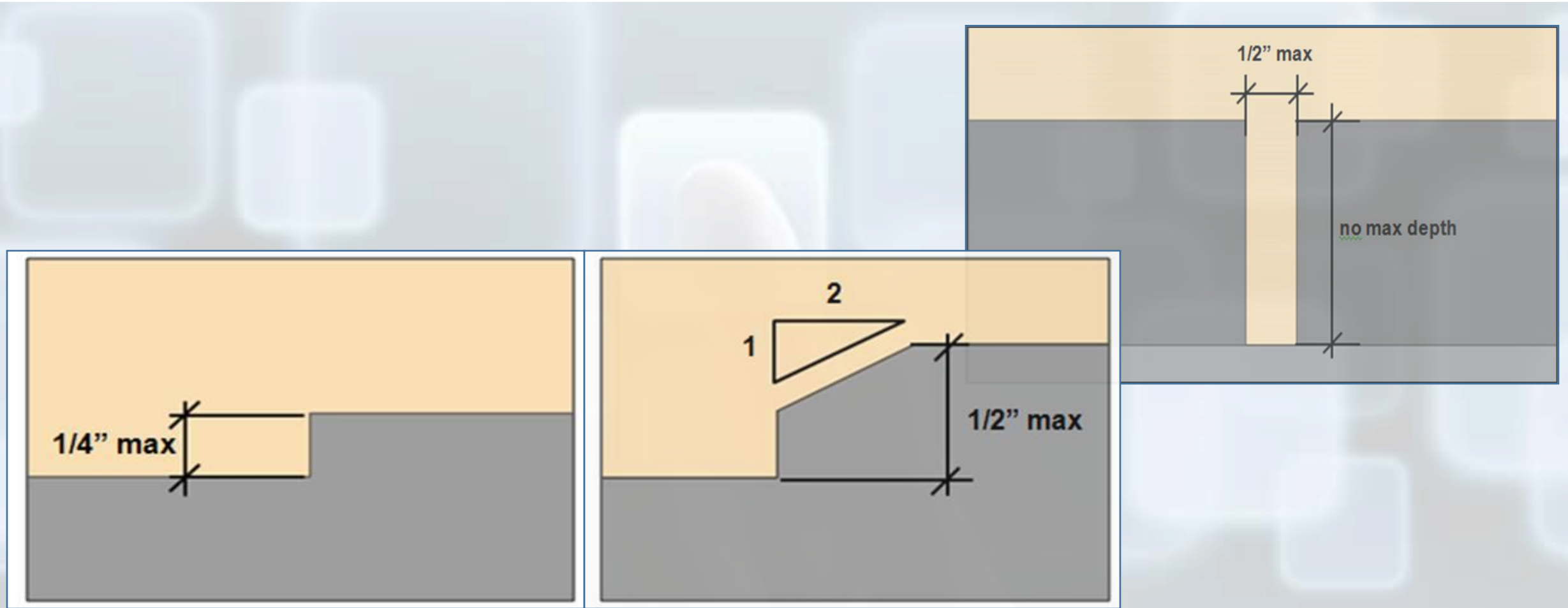


# Touch Points for Accessibility

## ***Construct***

- Execute details of accessibility tightly as tolerances are *very* minute.
- Work with project manager and designer to confirm intent.
- Common Construction Errors:
  - Ramp Slopes, Toilet Centerlines, absolute dimensions, Toilet Compartments
  - Change in Floor Surfaces not greater than:  $\frac{1}{4}$ " vertical and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " horizontal

# Beware of the Limits of Accessibility in Construction



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***Complete***

- ADA Coordinator's Office engaging in more Material Completion Reviews
- Engage us as early as possible to affect change without greater cost impact.
- *Although owners have a major liability risk, construction professionals have a major impact on successful accessibility in the built environment.*

# Touch Points for Accessibility





# Facility Specific Accessibility

## 2010 ADA Standards - Requirements

- Assembly Areas (*wheelchair, companion, aisle*)
- Medical  
(including special parking in [§208](#) and [§209](#))
- Housing at a place of education  
(including special parking in [§208](#))
  - Title II [28 CFR §35.151\(f\)](#)
  - Title III [28 CFR 36, subpart D §36.406\(e\)](#)
- Recreational facilities
- Judicial facilities
- Correctional facilities [28 CFR §35.151\(k\)](#)

## Scoping and Technical

[§221](#)

[§802](#)

[§223](#)

[§805](#), [§902](#) and [§904](#)

[§224](#) or [§233](#)

[§806](#) or [§809](#) and [§804](#)

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[§234](#) thru [§243](#)

[§1001](#) thru [§1010](#)

[§231](#)

[§808](#)

[§232](#)

[§807](#)

# Other References on Accessibility in Georgia

Georgia State Fire Marshal - State Enforcement Assistance <a href="http://www.oci.ga.gov">www.oci.ga.gov</a>	<b>404-656-2064</b>
US Department of Justice - Federal Enforcement Assistance <a href="http://www.ADA.gov">www.ADA.gov</a>	<b>800-514-0301</b>
US Access Board - Technical Assistance <a href="http://www.access-board.gov">www.access-board.gov</a>	<b>800-872-2253</b>
ADA National Network - Technical Assistance <a href="http://www.adata.org">www.adata.org</a>	<b>800-949-4232</b>
New England ADA Center - Checklists <a href="http://www.adachecklist.org">www.adachecklist.org</a>	

# Questions?

*Thank You!*

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